

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 131
By Rinks

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Bill Rasbach of Hardin
County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the tragic death of Bill Rasbach; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rasbach was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his community in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Razz" by his many friends, Mr. Rasbach served with acumen as an educator and coach for many years in the Hardin County School System, earning the respect of his peers and students alike for the exemplary quality of his work and the enthusiasm and passion with which he performed his duties; and

WHEREAS, Bill Rasbach's commitment to education was readily visible in his personal experience; a 1966 graduate of Kingsbury High School, he earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee in Martin and a master's degree from Trevecca College; and

WHEREAS, civic-minded and actively committed to the betterment of his community, Mr. Rasbach formerly served Hardin County as a Commissioner and as Chairman of the Hardin County School Board, and he was a member of the Hardin County Hospital Board; and

WHEREAS, the son of Mary and William Rasbach of Memphis, Bill Rasbach was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rasbach enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife the former Rita Gurley, and was the proud and devoted parent of William Arthur Rasbach, III, and Benjamin Edward Rasbach; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his devotion to his family, Bill Rasbach was well known for the unparalleled quality of the friendship that he shared with those who were lucky enough to be his acquaintance; it was said of Mr. Rasbach that he never met a stranger, and he had a unique knack for making people feel at ease in his presence; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Mr. Rasbach was an active member of the First Methodist Church in Savannah, where he was an inspiration to many; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated husband, father, and friend, Bill Rasbach leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his invaluable contributions to the community, the people of Hardin County have designated March 26, 2001, as "Bill Rasbach Day" to remember the extraordinary legacy of this exceptional Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this remarkable public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Bill Rasbach and join the people of Hardin County in reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Rasbach.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.